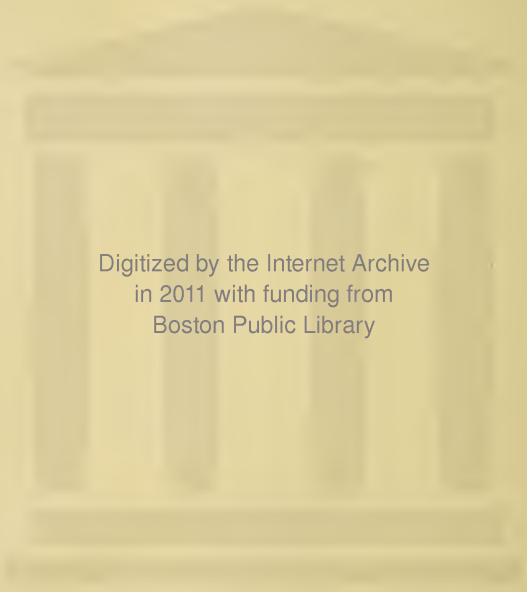


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THE
SIXTEENTH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
FINANCES
OF THE
TOWN OF DORCHESTER.

FOR THE

Year ending February 1, 1854.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

IN conformity with former usage, the Selectmen respectfully offer to the Town their Report of its financial condition for the year 1853-'54, terminating on the last day of January, 1854—being the Sixteenth of the Series of Reports of Receipts and Expenditures of the Town.

The amount of money received from various sources, as will appear in the Report of the Auditors, is \$41,877 06.

The amount expended in the Alms House, is \$3,708 44; which is a much larger sum than the appropriation asked for. Anticipating the removal of the "State Paupers" from this Institution to the "*State Alms House*" during the past year, we asked for a less sum than for the former year. Such removal has not yet been effected; and we have deemed it best to supply many, who have been in needy circumstances, with provisions and fuel directly from the Alms House. In addition to this, the expense of paying and boarding the hired men and the keeping of the teams has been another important item in our expenses, all of which is accounted for under the head of "*Alms House Expenditure.*"

The number of inmates on the first of February, 1853, was 33. During the year, 42 have been admitted, 38 have been discharged, and 3 have died ; leaving 34, on the first day of February, 1854, many of whom are foreigners or of foreign parentage. Many others have been admitted for a short time, and some have been confined as criminals, in the cells, awaiting trial, all of whom were supplied with food from this establishment.

This Institution is still under the same Superintendent and Matron as in former years. Their labors have been much increased by additional inmates, and by attending to the many cases of sickness that have occurred during the past year. The Superintendent has been employed much of the time on the Highways ; and in all their various duties, both he and the Matron have been faithful to their trust.

The applications for relief by persons *out* of the Alms House during the year have been numerous, particularly during the present winter, and many of them have been cases of extreme necessity. The most of these we have supplied directly from the Alms House, as referred to under that head.

The number of persons in the Lunatic Hospital at Worcester, remains the same as last year.

In our Report of last year, in consequence of the bad condition of the roads at the time, and the increased labor required in moving gravel, we recommended an appropriation of \$4,000 for Highways. The whole subject was referred to a Committee, and at the April meeting a Report was adopted, placing

the roads under our exclusive care, with an appropriation of \$3,000, at which period nearly \$600 had been expended by our predecessors, leaving us less than \$2,500, with which to purchase teams, &c., to commence the labor. We have expended much more, and we refer you to the roads themselves as the best return we can give you for the amount thus expended. In carrying out the plan proposed, we have availed ourselves of the services of the Superintendent of the Alms House, the hired men, and such of the inmates as were able to labor; also of the Town teams, other than those purchased for the purpose, by which means much labor has been performed. The subjoined Table will show the amount of labor by men and teams, also the number of loads of gravel and stone that have been put on to the several streets.

Since the last April meeting, the Town has accepted "Cedar Street," and a part of "Sanford Street." It therefore became necessary to grade and repair them, that they might be safe and convenient for public travel. This has been done, and charged to the Incidental Appropriation. "Linden Street" has also been accepted, and preparations are being made to put it in good passable condition.

At the last April meeting, the subject of enlarging our present Burial Grounds, or the purchasing of a site for a *new* one, was referred to the Selectmen. Having conferred with the abutters of the present lots, we do not deem it advisable to purchase additional ground to enlarge them, nor have we been able, as

yet, to present the Town with a bond for the site of a new Cemetery.

The subject of enclosing the whole or a part of the common lands on "Meeting-House Hill" was referred to this board at the last April meeting. After procuring a plan and an estimate of the probable cost of the same, we found it would be necessary to ask of the Town a special appropriation to enable us to carry it into effect.

But little progress has been made during the past year in establishing boundary lines of our streets. A subject so important will require much labor and time, and we would suggest the expediency of the Town's appointing Commissioners for that purpose.

The Police and Night Watch have become an important item in our annual expenses. Many of our citizens are desirous that different parts of the Town should be patrolled by night; and we have accordingly employed several persons for that purpose. Others are asked for, and we would therefore present the subject for the consideration of the Town.

While it has been our earnest endeavor to keep the annual expenses within the resources provided, that we might thereby meet the reasonable expectations of the Town; we have been compelled in some instances,

by circumstances over which we had no control, to exceed the appropriation, as some of our expenditures will show ; while others have been much less than the appropriation. We believe, however, that the money has been *judiciously* expended, and trust that it will meet with the approval of our citizens.

OLIVER HALL,	}	Selectmen of Dorchester.
WILLIAM TOLMAN,		
ROBERT VOSE,		

Dorchester, January 31, 1854.

TABLE

Showing the number of days' labor performed by the Men and Teams, and the number of Loads of Gravel and Stone Chips put on each Street.

STREETS.	No. of days' labor by Men.	No. of days by Horses and Oxen.	No. of days of Carts.	No. of Loads of Gravel & Stone.
Adams Street, . . .	380	190	138	1,013
Ashmont Street, . . .	14	6	4	36
Boston Street, . . .	210	116	116	1,395
Bowdoin Street, . . .	47	16	12	183
Back Street,	51	19	19	188
Bird Street,	11	2	2	40
Centre Street,	9	2	2	12
Commercial Street, .	188	75	73	1,082
Cottage Street, . . .	12	4	4	36
Creek Street,	26	5	5	30
East and North Streets,	32	4	4	86
Green Street,	12	3	3	40
Hancock Street, . . .	125	52	52	603
Harvard Street, . . .	7	3	2	32
Jamaica Street, . . .	20	20	20	109
Linden Street,	40	17	17	127
Minott Street,	91	48	48	337
Myrtle Street,	75	18	18	
Norfolk Street, . . .	245	101	75	871
Pond Street,	30	9	9	209
Park Street,	25	9	8	90
Pleasant Street, . . .	166	32	32	403
River Street,	119	97	75	284
Stoughton Street, . .	208	62	62	987
Sumner Street,	56	11	11	109
School Street,	3	1	1	35
Washington Street, .	509	222	162	1,702
West Street,	54	22	12	210
Winter Street,	10	2	2	30
	2,775	1,168	988	10,279

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

SCHOOLS.

HIGH SCHOOL—*Gibson Street.*

Paid Wm. J. Rolfe, for teaching	1,000 00
Anne Gay, "	286 35
M. J. Coburn, "	25 00
Wm. J. Rolfe, for books, maps and charts, bell, keys, tools, nails, hooks and pencils	53 95
J. H. Burt & Co., labor and stock	112 07
Shadrach Jenkins, labor and stock	3 69
George Haynes & Son, stock	3 07
J. P. Clapp, lumber	14 37
Aaron D. Capen, trees	35 00
J. P. Spooner, rubbers, brushes, and use of wagon	4 50
Wm. G. Shattuck, furniture	14 62
James Hildreth, labor	3 85
making fires and sweeping	34 00
Ebenezer Clapp, Jr., stationery	30 59
Thomas Campbell, labor	39 00
David Clapp, printing	4 62
Samuel Tileston, labor and stock	6 59
J. J. Beals & Co., timepiece	7 00
Jos. W. Foster, labor	95
making fires and sweeping	21 00
Preston & Curtis, coal, sand, cement and bricks	115 66
Chamberlain & Ritchie, philosophical apparatus	478 92
H. D. Buck, charcoal	11 73
Seth W. Fuller, hanging bells	6 00
T. E. Ellsworth, trees and shrubbery	14 50
Thomas Campbell, labor on drains, &c.	163 00
Thomas Payson, labor and team	60 25

Paid James Burns, labor	4 72
D. Brewer & Son	5 27
Bailey & Jenkins, window sashes	42 64
Vose & Chapman, paint, stock and labor	32 99
J. & A. Pope, labor and stock	66 59
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	\$2,702 49

EVERETT SCHOOL—*Sumner Street.*

Paid Elwell Woodbury, for teaching	700 00
Sarah H. Page, “	62 50
Sarah R. Pearson, “	250 00
Eliza O. Pearson, “	225 00
Elwell Woodbury, making fires and sweeping	20 00
for chalk, 1 00; ink, 2 00; shavings, 20	3 20
Sarah R. Pearson, for ink	50
Eliza O. Pearson, making fires, sweeping and books	11 41
Preston & Curtis, coal	11 80
Charles F. Preston & Co., coal	93 10
Charles Hood, cleaning and repairs	3 25
H. D. Buck, charcoal	18 30
Thomas Austin, painting	113 00
Stephen Gulliver, labor	16 50
D. V. Thompson, stock and labor	19 03
J. P. & C. P. Tolman, do.	16 43
Brewer & Son, paint stock	5 32
Thomas W. Capen, repairing clocks	1 50
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	\$1,570 84

MATHER SCHOOL—*Meeting House Hill.*

Paid John Kneeland, for teaching	700 00
Mary Pearson, “	250 00
Mary M. Smith, “	34 56
Betsey Hooper, “	221 87
Eliza A. Jacobs, “	176 57
John Kneeland, books and ink	17 29
making fires, sweeping, &c.	20 40
James E. Lake, labor	3 50
James Jordan, “	2 50
Mary Pearson, books	1 10
Betsey Hooper, books, 50; cleaning, 62	1 12
Mary M. Smith, books	28

Paid D. V. Thompson, stock and labor	10 00
Charles F. Preston & Co., coal	79 80
H. D. Buck, charcoal	12 87
Thomas Austin, painting	14 40
Edward Jones, labor	1 93
J. P. & C. P. Tolman, stock and labor	106 93
D. Brewer & Son, paint stock	5 03
George Haynes, labor and stock	45
George Dodge, " "	5 25
Charles Ewell, " "	3 70
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	\$1,669 55

ADAMS SCHOOL—*Adams Street.*

Paid Adoniram Alden, for teaching	42 77
Francis B. Snow, "	657 22
Ann Tolman, "	109 38
Maria Nichols, "	177 43
Kate Town, "	47 59
Adoniram Alden, book and scraper	1 25
Francis B. Snow, books	5 08
ink, 1 64; paper, 1 72; pointers, 50; chalk, 87	4 73
making fires and sweeping, 6 60; cushion, 75	7 35
cleaning, 2 25; incidentals, 25	2 50
L. F. & C. H. Pierce, stock and labor	3 50
Shadrach Jenkins, labor	67
Samuel Tileston, painting	114 25
James Pope, stock and labor	50 96
H. D. Buck, charcoal	14 53
J. P. & C. P. Tolman, stock and labor	15 02
O. P. Bacon, for bell	25
Henry Jacobs, making fires, sweeping and repairs	13 50
Preston & Curtis, coal	58 55
Brewer & Son, paint stock	68
Thomas W. Capen, repairing clocks	2 00
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	\$1,329 21

GIBSON SCHOOL—*School Street,*

Paid Robert Vose, Jr., for teaching	700 00
Lucy P. Tolman, "	248 57
Susan W. Tolman, "	140 00
Mary E. Tolman, "	73 57

Paid Robert Vose, Jr., repairing desk	1 00
making fires, cleaning, sweeping, sifting and housing coal	12 25
Lucy P. Tolman, cleaning book	1 50
J. P. & C. P. Tolman, stock and labor	37
S. P. Hill, making fires	87 24
R. Gleason & Sons, books, brooms, &c.	10 00
Phineas Goodwin, labor	4 14
Edward Mansfield, labor	5 25
H. D. Buck, charcoal	5 00
Thomas Baldwin, stone	11 20
Thomas Austin, painting and glazing	1 88
Wm. G. Shattuck, furniture	9 75
Brewer & Son, stock	6 50
Thomas W. Capen, repairing clocks	53
George Dodge, labor and stock	1 75
	2 00
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	\$1,322 50

WINTHROP SCHOOL—*River Street.*

Paid Isaac Swan, for teaching	700 00
Mary F. Temple, "	250 00
Sarah R. Childs, "	212 00
Elizabeth J. Stetson, "	225 00
Isaac Swan, books, 3 33; ink, 6 00	9 33
E. J. Stetson, books and curtains	1 49
William D. Dyer, sweeping	3 25
Bryant & Preston, "	3 25
Samuel Tileston, setting glass	2 40
John Kendrick, soap and furniture	2 38
Preston & Curtis, coal	66 50
H. D. Buck, charcoal	11 73
Shadrach Jenkins, labor	4 59
Henry Crane, iron work	1 75
L. F. & C. H. Pierce, labor	4 00
Geo. Haynes & Son, "	14 87
J. P. Spooner, cash paid for making fires, sweeping, &c.	31 62
Brewer & Son, paint stock	5 08
J. & A. Pope, labor and stock	32 33
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	\$1,581 57

NORFOLK SCHOOL—*Norfolk Street.*

Paid Elbridge G. Emery, for teaching	700 00
Martha A. Baker, "	250 00
Mary J. Pope, "	208 00
Elbridge G. Emery, making fires and sweeping	28 93
books and ink	4 35
Martha A. Baker, books	52
sweeping	1 25
Charles Tileston, funnel	1 80
William Clark, labor	3 00
Henry Clark, Jr., furniture	3 33
James Tolman, sweeping	1 25
J. P. Spooner, carting	38
H. D. Buck, charcoal	11 20
J. P. & C. P. Tolman, stock and labor	13 37
Brewer & Son, paint stock	56
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	\$1,227 94

WASHINGTON SCHOOL—*Washington Village.*

Paid Charles F. Patch, for teaching	700 00
Adaline M. Sheldon, "	225 00
Rebecca F. Hovey, "	225 00
Ellen Ashcroft, "	169 00
Charles F. Patch, ink and books	2 13
making fires and cleaning	28 55
R. F. Hovey, books	55
D. E. Wadleigh, books	2 14
G. W. Tuckerman, locks	90
J. M. Johnson, labor	3 75
Chilson, Richardson & Co., stock and labor	9 79
Charles F. Preston & Co., coal	106 10
H. D. Buck, charcoal	11 20
J. R. Barnes, setting glass and stock	5 66
Thomas W. Capen, repairing clock	3 50
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	\$1,493 27

ELIOT SCHOOL—*Adams Street.*

Paid Almira French, for teaching	250 00
Cynthia M. Ruggles, "	181 74
Mary S. Stone, "	43 26

Paid T. F. Temple, making fires and sweeping	12 00
Shadrach Jenkins, stock and labor	25
Henry Crane, irons for seats	1 00
L. F. & C. H. Pierce, labor	3 50
Geo. Haynes & Son, stock and labor	23 47
Isaac Swan, ink	4 00
J. P. Spooner, coal, cleaning and carting	19 50
Wm. G. Shattuck, furniture	5 20
Preston & Curtis, coal	51 29
Elizabeth Morrow, cleaning	1 50
Edward Whalan, making fires and labor	13 25
Elisha Ford, labor and stock	9 75
Brewer & Son, paint stock	43 18
George W. Leeds, painting	27 83
H. D. Buck, charcoal	7 00
J. P. & C. P. Tolman, stock and labor	6 50
Vose & Chapman, " "	21 50
J. & A. Pope, " "	43 44
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	\$769 16

BUTLER SCHOOL—*River Street.*

Paid Maria Crane, for teaching	300 00
for books	1 10
Ebenezer Clapp, Jr., books	6 00
J. P. Spooner, carting	12
Samuel Tileston, painting	63 75
Preston & Curtis, coal	29 35
H. D. Buck, charcoal	4 20
Elihu Greenwood, making fires and cleaning	11 50
sink, 2 50; chalk, broom and locks, 1 88	4 38
J. P. & C. P. Tolman, stock and labor	13 29
J. H. Burt & Co., " "	69 59
J. & A. Pope, " "	1 50
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	\$504 78

NEPONSET SCHOOL—*Neponset Village.*

Paid Lucy J. Davis, for teaching,	275 00
A. E. Crane, "	225 00
Harriette Butrick, "	25 00
Lucy J. Davis, chalk, books, &c.	75
R. V. Marshall, making fires and cleaning	19 00

Paid J. P. & C. P. Tolman, stock and labor	27 31
Preston & Curtis, coal	53 20
H. D. Buck, charcoal	13 57
Jabez Howland, books	2 69
H. W. Blanchard, labor and stock	4 92
Martha W. Rogers, sweeping	3 00
Brewer & Son, paint stock	2 50
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	\$651 94

MAVERICK SCHOOL—*Commercial Street.*

Paid Ann Tolman, for teaching,	140 62
Mary E. Tolman, "	151 44
Abby A. Morton, "	62 50
Mercie T. Snow, "	48 07
H. C. Baker, "	53 08
Charlotte W. Towne, "	21 63
Abby A. Morton, cleaning, 1 ; ink, 75	1 75
Mary E. Tolman, cleaning	1 00
Ann Tolman, books, 1 20 ; ink, 37	1 57
Charles F. Preston & Co., coal and wood	75 50
H. D. Buck, charcoal	11 20
J. P. & C. P. Tolman, stock and labor	16 39
Warren F. Capen, making fires and sweeping	18 00
Preston & Curtis, coal	23 60
Mercie T. Snow, books	55
Edward Jones, labor	1 00
O. P. Bacon, bell	50
Brewer & Son, paint stock	20
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	\$628 60

BOWDOIN SCHOOL—*Mount Bowdoin.*

Paid Harriet L. Wales, for teaching,	225 00
for making fires and sweeping	7 00
J. P. & C. P. Tolman, stock and labor	21 65
Charles F. Preston & Co., coal	26 60
Ebenezer Clapp, Jr., maps	3 92
H. D. Buck, charcoal	6 97
Brewer & Son, paint stock	1 37
George Haynes & Son, paint stock	25
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	\$292 76

STOUGHTON SCHOOL—*Port Norfolk.*

Paid Maria A. Clapp, for teaching	114 84
Mary O. Larkin, " "	34 61
for sweeping, &c.	1 50
Preston & Curtis, coal	22 90
H. D. Buck, charcoal	4 20
J. P. & C. P. Tolman, tin ware	45
H. W. Blanchard, black board	1 25
Mrs. Burns, cleaning	3 00
Brewer & Son, paint stock	2 58
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	\$185 33

GENERAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Paid Richard Pike, for examining schools 37 days	37 00
Increase Smith, " " 30 "	30 00
O. P. Bacon, " " 51 "	51 00
for services as secretary	126 00
taking census, 25 00; cash paid postage, 75	25 75
Shadrach Jenkins, labor	80
Peter Blake, dinners and horse-keeping	59 00
for official services	4 50
B. L. Sumner, refreshments	6 50
Wright & Hasty, printing	58 02
Charles Howe, distributing report	10 00
Ebenezer Clapp, Jr., stationery	8 37
David Clapp, printing report	47 04
J. J. Howe, rent of vestry	100 00
Charles Hood, examining schools, 1852 and 1853	15 50
John E. Schlesemeyer, labor	1 50
John P. Spooner, paid freight	25
Ide & Dutton, books and atlas	32 00
Thomas W. Capen, care of Town Hall	1 50
Beals, Greene & Co., printing	2 00
Edmund Pope, his proportion of school money	27 34
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	\$644 07

RECAPITULATION.

High School	2,702 49
Everett School	1,570 84
Mather School	1,669 55

Adams School	1,329 21
Gibson School	1,322 50
Winthrop School	1,581 57
Norfolk School	1,227 94
Washington School	1,493 27
Eliot School	769 16
Butler School	504 78
Neponset School	651 94
Maverick School	628 60
Bowdoin School	292 76
Stoughton School	185 33
General School Expenses	644 07
	<hr/> \$16,574 01

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Amount of Appropriation	13,390 00
Income of Gibson School Fund	608 08
“ Stoughton “ “	217 80
“ State “ “	403 18
	<hr/> \$14,619 06
Expended over Appopr. and Income	1,954 95
	<hr/> \$16,574 01

POOR IN THE ALMS HOUSE.

Paid Henry Atkins & Co., for goods	314 52
A. B. Wilton, repairing pump	1 50
A. & J. H. Sumner, provisions	266 34
William F. Williams, labor	8 29
E. J. Bispham, domestic goods	28 28
C. M. Rogers, clothing	3 00
William Murphy, labor	32 00
William H. Homes, provisions	69 28
Oliver Clifford, oxen	127 50
John Hoyt, harness work	7 40
Humphrey & Tisdale, butter	52 04
John Keen and wife, one year's services	500 00
John Keen, paid for clothing, and expenses to Worcester	11 57
Lewis G. Hersey, groceries	101 16
Preston & Curtis, coal, 24 15 ; lime and sand, 3 10	27 25
Elizabeth Blackman, English goods	17 76
Drury & Frost, provisions	18 44

Paid N. W. & T. Tileston, grain and meal	57 37
Ellen Rotch, labor	35 02
William F. Pope, cutting clothes	1 25
A. & J. H. Upham, flour and groceries	201 33
Ebenezer Eaton, wood at auction	68 12
clothing	4 45
Charles E. Grant & Co., house paper	1 65
William K. Bacall, curtains	2 00
James Edwards, labor	18 00
William Parker, potatoes	6 50
H. L. Goodale, provisions	4 04
Jacob N. Wate, cheese	1 28
John McKay, 3 months labor	25 00
Michael Feheley, labor	7 87
Peter Blake, fish and provisions	171 19
Dr. Benjamin Cushing, medical attendance	377 00
F. & J. Farrington, grain and meal	373 93
William Davenport, funeral expenses	9 50
Dr. E. D. Miller, medical attendance	14 00
Charles F. Preston & Co., coal	121 10
Alfred P. Wood, 3 months labor	54 00
Thomas Gaffin, 8 days labor	9 00
William Gordon, sea-weed	1 00
S. D. Bryant, nets for horses	2 25
D. Wheelock, cloth	4 76
Asa Davenport, stock and labor	52 34
Dr. Edward Jarvis, medical attendance	17 00
King & Dexter, paints and medicines	22 17
Edward V. Munroe, smith's work	25 66
R. Gleason & Sons, domestic goods	99 01
George C. Bailey, butter	11 96
Charles A. Upham, wheelwright work	26 07
John C. Hewins, smith's work	23 47
E. C. Tirrell, shoe stock	32 05
C. S. M. Churchell, wood	33 00
James Boyd & Sons, horse collar	3 00
William Smith, potatoes	20 80
S. H. Dodge, wheel boxes	1 33
J. H. Tower, cutlery	1 83
Stoddard & Brigham, ice	3 00
John Preston & Son, chocolate	32 00
Kelton & Bird, provisions	46 83
S. W. Leonard, boots and shoes	20 91
Holden & Bullard, provisions	7 02

Paid William Pope, Jr., lumber	43 01
John P. Cotton, pump boxes	1 00
Charles J. Sumner, tin ware	5 45
Andrew Glover, groceries	17 74
Oliver Hall, paid sundry bills	3 85
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Cr.	\$3,708 44

Amount of State pauper account	176 62
By sale of pears	130 25
" cherries	5 50
" salt grass	55 00
" oxen, 110 00; old cart, 8 00	118 00
rent of pasture	10 00
sale of salt pork	1 90
board of sundry persons	67 25
Appropriation	1,800 00
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	2,364 52
Expended over	<hr/>
	\$1,343 92

POOR OUT OF THE ALMS HOUSE.

Paid Oliver Hall, for cash paid to sundry persons	88 87
William Tolman, " "	124 75
Robert Vose, " "	78 12
Town of Randolph	30 00
William A. Gilbert, goods	10 00
Henry Clark, Jr., "	3 00
Preston & Curtis, coal and wood	36 50
Charles F. Preston & Co., coal and wood	98 86
Isaac Field & Co., goods	20 00
Enoch Caldwell, goods	6 00
Town of Wrentham	39 00
Dr. Edward Jarvis, medical attendance	25 25
John Robie, wood	2 50
William Davenport, services as sexton	10 50
Robert F. Tolman, goods	13 44
R. Gleason & Sons, "	3 64
Robert M. Todd, coal	21 25
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	611 68
Balance unexpended	188 32
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Amount of Appropriation	\$800 00

LUNATICS IN HOSPITAL.

Paid S. J. Jennison, Esq., Treasurer, for board and clothing of sundry persons	731 45
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By amount received from Mrs. Floyd and others	104 00	
Appropriation	600 00	
	<hr/>	704 00
Expended over		<hr/> \$27 45

ABATEMENTS OF TAXES.

Paid Chas. Howe, abatements on tax 1852	502 00	
“ “ “ 1853	709 69	
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Amount unexpended		288 31
		<hr/> \$1,500 00
Appropriation	\$1,500 00	

HIGHWAYS.

Paid Ebenezer Wales, for labor	57 75	
use of horses, 89 00; carts, 10 00	99 00	
130 loads stone chips	7 80	
Thomas Baldwin, labor	41 13	
use of horses, 90 00; carts, 11 33	101 33	
Luke Coyle, labor, 18 00; Wm. Paul, 50	18 50	
Doonakin, 9 00; Hill, 5 62	14 62	
John Tully,	36 00	
P. Shaughnessey,	13 50	
Patrick Morris, 37 68; M. Curly, 38 25	75 93	
John Gateley, 27 00; P. Riley, 37 68	64 68	
Thomas Coyle, 36 56; A. Glover, powder, 13 10	49 66	
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Jonathan Harod, 171 $\frac{3}{4}$ days labor		343 50
use of horse, 56 75; keeping horse, 3 75		60 50
repairs on horse-carts		2 95
cash paid Charles Tileston for five loads of stone		50

Paid Jona. Harod, 1270 wt. of hay and weighing	11 62
Aaron D. Capen, 102 loads stone chips and carting	16 33
Thomas Baldwin, for 2 horses, 2 carts and harnesses	295 00
use of horses and carts	68 68
Isaac S. Houghton, 50 loads stone chips	3 00
labor of men and teams	31 50
Matthew White, labor	9 56
Aaron Mann, hay and weighing	21 11
D. Desmond, labor	2 25
Cornelius Linnehen, labor	206 14
Patrick Dolan, "	96 46
Thomas Coyle, "	205 00
Michael Quigley, "	89 99
Andrew Egan, "	48 93
Patrick Shaughnessey, "	90 54
John Doonican, "	96 62
John Donolly, "	162 25
Michael Feheley, "	23 06
Daniel Hart, "	196 85
John Gateley, "	204 72
Patrick Galliher, "	199 65
Daniel Coney, "	95 92
Michael Dolan, "	21 37
John Holland, "	20 25
Barney Rooney, "	21 93
Daniel Donahoe, "	20 81
James Egan, "	156 36
Lawrence Brannen, "	93 36
Peter Carr, "	17 43
M. McLaughlin, "	3 37
Hugh Galliher, "	5 62
Thomas Durant, "	25 75
Samuel Everett, grain	129 12
Nathan Tucker, hay and weighing,	35 03
Thomas Caffray, labor	25 31
Thomas Gaffin, "	14 06
John Tucker, hay and weighing	24 16
Thomas W. Capen, cart body and repairs	23 00
James Boyd & Son, cart saddle	6 00
Lawrence Brian, labor	17 43
Barney Gaynard, "	4 50
Samuel B. Pierce, hay and weighing	31 11
Isaac Field & Co., tools	14 50

Paid R. Gleason & Sons, tools	11 73
Thomas Storah, labor	2 25
Bagley Carter, 16 loads stone	1 00
Joshua Plummer, labor	1 50
Ebenezer Paul, labor and teams	5 00
William Paul, " "	14 75
Patrick Connell, labor	46 68
Oliver Davenport, smith's work	46 19
Patrick Riley, labor	12 25
Stephen Baker, gravel	155 68
H & R. Rich, "	9 75
John Ballantine, labor	50
James Dorr, labor and teams	34 62
John Sargent, " "	73 00
Feheley & Cronin, labor	1 25
James Coffey, 1 50 ; B. Coffey, 1 50	3 00
Luke Mulhern, for labor	5 62
Cornelius Hickey, "	1 50
Elihu Greenwood, "	9 50
Jerry Hickey, "	50
William Williams, "	6 19
S. Howard Willis, "	1 00
Charles Regan, "	5 75
Cornelius Desha, "	1 12
Michael McDonald, for labor	2 50
John A. Tucker, harness work	13 14
Cyrus Balkum, wheelwright work	41 14
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	\$4,380 11

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By cash of Rev. William E. Abbott	100 00	
" Otis Shepard & Co.	10 00	
On hand, 2 horses, 2 carts and harnesses	330 00	
Appropriation	3,000 00	
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Expended over		<hr/>
		\$940 11

NOTE.—The expense of clearing our streets from an unusual quantity of snow this winter, is included in the foregoing account.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Edward Jones, as chief engineer	60 00
Charles Hunt, assistant	15 00
Samuel J. Capen, " "	15 00
George L. Fisher, " "	15 00
Sylvester H. Hebard, " "	15 00
Fountain Engine Company	100 00
Torrent " "	100 00
Independence " "	100 00
Tiger " "	100 00
Edwin A. Smith, steward	37 50
extra labor	5 00
David Ripley, steward	50 00
William Adams, " "	25 00
Henry Hart, " "	25 00
Ralph Ware, " "	50 00
sawing wood and cleaning engine and room	6 00
E. C. Fruean, taking care of the Protector	25 00
George L. Fisher " " Alert	20 00
Henry Clark, rent of land	12 00
Thomas Baldwin, oil and matches	6 62
refreshments	20 11
A. & J. H. Upham, furniture and oil	7 11
refreshments	10 66
David Clapp, printing	2 25
H. N. Hooper, bells	19 05
Edward Jones, stock and labor on engine house	
No. 6	4 00
William Hall & Co., 18 keys	2 70
Isaac Field & Co., refreshments	13 97
J. E. McIntire, labor and stock, Fountain engine	
house	23 00
Thomas Lyons, use of horse	2 00
J. & A. Pope, labor and stock on Fountain engine	
house	105 28
William Tucker, painting and varnishing Engine	
No. 1	11 00
Elisha Ford, labor and stock, Engine No. 1	9 27
J. P. & C. P. Tolman, labor and stock for	
Torrent engine house	9 50
Samuel Tileston, stock and labor, Fountain	
engine house	13 58
Reuben Glass, stock and labor, Torrent engine	
house	13 41

Paid Asa Davenport, labor and stock, Protector engine house	2 82
R. Gleason & Sons, fluid, wicking and chimnies refreshments	2 26 3 00
E. V. Munroe, setting tire Engine No. 2	4 00
Stephen Gulliver, stock and labor, Engine No. 6	20 00
Jabez Howland, 1 gallon fluid	76
Howland & Harding, refreshments	5 35
Thomas Pearson, 3 gallons oil and carting use of horse, 1 00; leather, 60	3 17 1 60
James T. Murphy, straps for engine	1 50
E. B. Saunders, oil and crackers	2 71
William A. Gilbert, refreshments	4 50
Charles B. Hill, repairs	3 50
Otis Baird, 2 dozen spoons	1 00
Hunt & Pierce, repairs, 1 26; use of horse, 3 00	4 26
Nathan Holbrook, refreshments	15 00
Thomas W. Capen, hooks and paint	5 79
John C. Hewins, oil and smith work	8 67
Howard & Davis, leather and packing	90
Shelton & Cheever, hose and repairs	175 96
Daniel Spear, refreshments	24 15
Albert D. Swan, freight	52
John Delano, stock and labor	16 50
J. H. Shattuck, rope and splicing	6 45
George Haynes & Son, stock and labor	16 44
Charles F. Preston & Co., wood	3 25
John A. Tucker, repairs	1 75
Brewer & Son, oil, cords and screws	5 25
Henry Crane, smith work	3 87
George Ford, wheelwright work	8 87
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	1,402 81
Amount unexpended	107 19
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	\$1,510 00

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By 1 pair hose carriage wheels sold	10 00
Appropriation	1,500 00
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	\$1,510 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Oliver Hall, for services as Selectman and Overseer of the Poor 1 year	150 00
William Tolman, do. do. 1 year	150 00
Robert Vose, do. do. 1 year	150 00
Eben. Tolman, for services as Clerk 1 year	100 00
Charles Howe, Treasurer and Collector 1 year	500 00
Oliver Hall, as Assessor 1 year	64 50
William Tolman, " "	55 50
Robert Vose, " "	64 50
Edward Jones, Assistant Assessor	72 00
William A. Gilbert " "	69 00
James H. Blake, " "	48 00
Harvey Howe, " "	61 50
Aaron D. Capen, " "	40 50
Oliver Hall, Assessor in 1852	7 50
William Tolman, " "	7 50
Robert Vose, " "	7 50
Edward Jones, Ass't Assessor in 1852	3 00
Wm. A. Gilbert " " "	3 00
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	1,554 00
Appropriation	1,500 00
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Expended over	\$54 00

BURIAL GROUNDS.

Paid Hezekiah Park, for labor in North Burial Ground	3 38
Michael McDonald, " "	21 87
Patrick McDonald, " "	36 87
William Davenport, " "	21 00
Stephen Baker, for gravel and carting	13 15
Sam'l Littlefield, labor in South Burial Ground	65 12
gravel and carting	26 25
6 feet manure	4 50
Phineas Goodwin, labor	4 50
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	196 64
Unexpended	3 36
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Appropriation	\$200 00
	\$200 00

NEW STREETS.

Finishing Street from Turnpike to Washington Street.

Paid T. Hannun, for carting gravel	53 55
Thomas Coyle, 28½ days' labor at 1 12½ per day	32 06
Cor. Linnehen, 30½ " " "	34 31
John Donican, 28 " " "	31 50
Pat. Shaughnessey, 28½ " " "	32 06
John Donley, 27 " " "	30 37
Michael Quigley, 26½ " " "	29 80
Patrick Dolan, 28½ " " "	32 06
S. H. Willis, building fence	38 50
Patrick Connell, 14 days' labor	17 50
Barney Gaynard, 9½ " "	10 68
Old Colony Railroad Corporation, gravel	130 62
Estate of W. Baker, for land damages	846 00
Jonathan Harod, 50¾ days' labor	101 50
use of horse	36 00
Charles Regan, 3½ days' labor	3 50
John Sargent	152 93
S. B. Pierce, hay and weighing	14 28

1,627 22

Appropriation

1,500 00

Expended over Appropriation

\$127 22

New Street from Lower Mills to Norfolk Street.

Paid John Mily, for 3 days' labor	3 00
Michael McDaniell, 3 " "	3 00
Cornelius Hickey, 33 " "	33 00
Pat. Shaughnessey, 31 " "	31 00
Barney Gaynard, 33 " "	33 00
John Doonican, 26½ " "	26 50
Michael Quigley, 29 " "	29 00
Patrick Dolan, 31 " "	31 00
James McGoveran, 32½ " "	32 50
Michael Gagin, teams	106 00
Thomas Baldwin, horse and carts, labor	31 75
Jeremiah Hickey, 3 days' labor	3 00
Edward V. Munroe, smiths' work	19 00
Eli W. Robinson, team work	25 75

407 50

Amount unexpended

1,092 50

Appropriation

\$1,500 00

\$1,500 00

INCIDENTAL TOWN EXPENSES.

Paid C. C. P. Moody, for printing	94 71
William Davenport, returning deaths	6 00
ringing bell	1 75
Charles Walker, police and watchman	404 75
Thomas Groom & Co., stationery	7 75
Eben. Tolman, recording 301 births, 46 marriages, and 151 deaths	72 35
measuring streets on plan	3 00
Oliver Hall, preparing and distributing Fifteenth Annual Report	15 00
expenses to sundry towns	18 75
William Tolman, preparing and distributing Fif- teenth Annual Report	15 00
ringing bell and making fires, and sweeping Town Hall, in 1852	7 75
returning 51 deaths, 5 10; expenses to sundry towns, 6 75	11 85
Robert Vose, preparing and distributing Fifteenth Annual Report	15 00
preparing Valuation, 20 00; postage, 11 00	31 00
Edward Jones, returning 50 deaths	5 00
distributing Reports, 7 00; taking census, 25 00	32 00
preparing Valuation, 37 50; expenses for the same, 5 20	42 70
paid for tax-book and supplement	1 00
Oliver Glover, for land to widen Linden street	100 00
Asaph Churchell, professional service in 1851	128 00
John J. Clarke, " " 1851	150 00
F. Pierce & Co., chairs and settees for Town Hall	56 00
David Clapp, printing Fifteenth Annual Report	127 00
Wm. A. Gilbert, 3 00; E. W. Robinson, 1 50; S. H. Willis, 1 50; for distributing envelopes	6 00
Wm. A. Gilbert, distrib'g Valuation, 6 00; tape, 74	6 74
Michael Feheley, labor on East street	7 00
Peter Blake, posting warrants for, and attending town meetings, 49 25; services as police, 44 50	93 75
dinners and suppers for town officers	65 25
Asa Thompson, for land to enlarge Norfolk School Lot, in 1851	17 00
B. Rooney, blasting rocks in East street	181 11
Michael Dolan, " " " "	145 67
Thomas W. Capen, services as police	14 25

Paid Thos. W. Capen, for making fires, care of Hall, and attending town meetings	27 50
labor setting glass, paid for locks and curtains for Town Hall	3 73
Wright & Hasty, advertising	11 00
printing Valuation of 1853	357 27
Henry Pierce, for land to widen Washington st.	50 00
E. Badger & Son, for bridge stones	147 12
Thomas Campbell, labor blasting rocks on Wash- ington street	75 75
Noah D. Allen, police duty	12 25
John N. Reed, for land to widen Adams street	35 22
James Egan, 14½ days labor on Sanford and Cedar Streets	16 31
John Gateley, 14½ do. do.	16 31
Daniel Hart, 13½ do. do.	15 18
Patrick Gulliver, 12½ do. do.	14 06
Daniel Coney, 20 do. do.	22 50
B. Rooney, blasting rocks on do.	31 87
Michael Dolan, " " "	27 56
Asa Davenport, boxing trees and putting up guide boards	13 42
Thomas Pierce, elm trees and labor	35 92
Edward V. Munroe, police duty	59 00
for arresting robbers of W. F. Pope's shop	50 00
sharpening drills and smiths' work	103 97
R. Gleason & Son, nails and spikes	15 00
lamps for Town Hall	14 08
Charles Ewell, stock and labor for Town Hall	15 22
stock and labor for Tenean Bridge	6 67
railing Park street	77 06
John Keen, for arresting robbers of W. F. Pope's shop	50 00
James E. Lake, for same	50 00
William F. Pope, for same	50 00
Ebenezer Clapp, Jr. tax book and stationery	32 14
S. H. Hebard, police duty	12 50
John P. Clapp, for lumber for fencing on Park st.	90 53
Henry Crane, sharpening drills and picks, for Cedar, Sanford and Washington streets	15 88
Andrew Glover, powder and fuse for East street	121 36
Theodore Keen, labor	60 00
Aaron D. Capen, 104 loads stone and carting, C. st.	12 49
William B. Keen, 3 picks	3 00

Paid John C. Hewins, smith work	92 67
Howe, Pratt & Co., lumber on Park street	61 36
Enoch Fenno, labor on bridge	3 50
Samuel Littlefield, labor	6 37
Seth Crane, police duty	164 00
Albert D. Swan, freight	3 50
Cyrus Balkam, wheelwright work	42 77
William Richardson, professional service	10 00
John Robie, police duty	11 50
notifying and attending town meetings	16 50
John Sargent, labor on bridge near Alms House	8 75
Isaac Field & Co., 4 lbs. spikes for railing	22
William Pope, Jr., lumber on Boston street	7 04
Phillips & Moseley, iron for railing	97 83
Daniel Coney, labor	20 00
John A. Tucker, repairing hearse harness	1 00
George W. Tuckerman, police duty	39 25
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	4,221 26
Amount unexpended	306 74
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	\$4,528 00

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By am't received of Calvin Bird for land	100 00
“ “ Mrs. Barker	30 00
“ “ for grass	8 00
Appropriation	4,390 00
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	\$4,528 00

NOTE AND INTEREST.

Paid interest on money borrowed, as per special	
appropriation for school-houses	1,165 50
Interest on money borrowed in anticipation of	
Taxes	880 23
Note to Mrs. Mary Cushing	1,000 00
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	3,045 73
Expended, less	454 27
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	\$3,500 00
Appropriation	\$3,500 00

DEBT OF THE TOWN.

Treasurer's Notes to Dedham Savings Institution	8,000 00
“ “ Mrs. Mary Cushing	1,600 00
“ “ Robert G. Living, Trustee	2,000 00
“ “ Third Parish in Dorchester	500 00
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	\$12,100 00

LOAN FOR HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

Treasurer's Notes to Robert Vose	2,000 00
“ “ Mary Cushing	2,000 00
“ “ Lusanna Tucker	1,000 00
“ “ John Talbot	1,000 00
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	6,000 00
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	\$18,100 00

INVENTORY OF SCHOOL FUND.

GIBSON SCHOOL FUND.

Albert Webster's	Note and Mortgage	3,000 00
Lyman Willard's	“ “	503 00
Charles Hunt's	“ “	428 12
“ “	“ “	604 88
Theodore L. Howe's	“ “	342 00
“ “	“ “	213 75
Alexander Pope's	“ “	1,660 43
George A. Houghton's	“ “	474 00
Henry Jenkins's	“ “	464 31
John Dolan's	“ “	501 92
United States Loan of 1842		3,000 00
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		\$11,192 41

STOUGHTON SCHOOL FUND.

Twenty-three sh. State Bank Stock, par val. \$60	1,380 00
Seven shares Tremont Bank Stock, par val. \$100	700 00
Four shares Blue Hill Bank Stock, par val. \$100	400 00
Four shares Western R. R. Stock, par val. \$100	400 00
John L. Capen's Note and Mortgage	440 20
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	3,320 20
Amount of Gibson Fund brought forward	11,192 41
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Total School Fund	\$14,512 61

TOWN PROPERTY.

Benjamin F. Glover's Note	75 00
Amount due from Taxes of 1853	2,500 00
Balance in the Treasury, Feb. 1, 1854	2,204 52
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	4,779 52
Deduct from the above amount the sum borrowed in anticipation of Taxes,	2,500 00
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and the resources of the Treasury will be	\$2,279 52

TAXES.

The amount of Taxes assessed on the Real and Personal Estates of the Town of Dorchester for the year 1853, was as follows, viz. :

Number of Polls, 2,277

Value of Real Estate	5,989,600
Value of Personal Estate	3,008,200
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Total,	\$8,997,800

State Tax	3,285 00
County Tax	6,263 00
Town Tax	35,180 00
Overlayings	977 63
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Total Tax	\$45,705 63
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Rate—\$4 70 per \$1000

TOTAL RECEIPTS.....Bro't Forward.

Balance in the Treasury Feb. 1, 1853	2,818 87
" received from Taxes, 1852	735 02
For Schools	14,619 06
Poor in the Alms House	2,364 52
Poor out of the Alms House	800 00
Lunatics at Worcester Hospital	704 00
Highways	3,440 00
Fire Department	1,510 00
Town Officers	1,500 00
Burial Grounds	200 00
Abatements of Taxes	1,500 00
Note and Interest	3,510 76
Finishing street fr. Turnpike to Washington St.	1,500 00
New street from Lower Mills to Back Street	1,500 00
Incidental Town Expenses	4,528 00
Balance for amount expended over Appropriations	646 83
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	\$41,877 06

TOTAL EXPENDITURES....Bro't Forward.

For Schools	16,574 01
Poor in the Alms House	3,708 44
Poor out of the Alms House	611 68
Lunatics at Worcester Hospital	731 45
Highways	4,380 11
Fire Department	1,402 81
Town Officers	1,554 00
Burial Grounds	196 64
Abatements of Taxes	1,211 69
Note and Interest	3,045 73
Finishing street fr. Turnpike to Washington St.	1,627 22
New street from Lower Mills to Back Street	407 50
Incidental Town Expenses	4,221 26
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Total Expenses	39,672 54
Balance in the Treasury Feb. 1, 1854	2,204 52
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	.\$41,877 06

The subscribers hereby certify that they have examined the Treasurer's accounts, and find them to have been kept with accuracy. His receipts for the year ending Jan. 31, 1854, were \$41,877 06, and his payments of orders drawn by the Selectmen, properly vouched, were \$39,672 54. Balance in the Treasury, Feb. 1, 1854, \$2,204 52, as appears in the foregoing report.

EDWARD JONES,
ELEAZER J. BISPHAM, } *Auditors.*
EDWARD PIERCE,

DORCHESTER, FEB. 20, 1854.

ESTIMATE OF THE TOWN EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR 1854.

For Schools, as per estimate of the School Committee	17,100 00	
Less Income from School Fund	1,100 00	
		<hr/> \$16,000 00
Poor in the Alms House	1,800 00	
Poor out of the Alms House	800 00	
Highways	4,000 00	
Lunatics in Hospital	300 00	
Fire Department	1,500 00	
Town Officers	1,700 00	
Burial Grounds	200 00	
Abatements on Taxes	800 00	
Notes	2,000 00	
Interest on Notes and in anticipation of Taxes	2,000 00	
Finishing Street from Lower Mills to Back St.	3,200 00	
Incidental Expenses	4,200 00	
		<hr/> \$38,500 00

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1853.

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.—Oliver Hall, William Tolman and Robert Vose.

Assessors.—Oliver Hall, William Tolman and Rob't Vose.

Assistant Assessors.—James H. Blake, Aaron D. Capen, William A. Gilbert, Harvey Howe and Edward Jones.

Clerk.—Eben. Tolman.

Treasurer and Collector.—Charles Howe.

Representatives.—Lewis Pierce and Robert Richardson.

To the Selectmen of Dorchester :

GENTLEMEN,—I here respectfully submit a statement of the number of persons in town, between the ages of 5 and 15 years, May 1, 1853, with a comparison with the number May 1, 1852.

Very truly and respectfully,

O. PUTNAM BACON.

School Wards.	May 1, 1853.		May 1, 1852.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Everett - - -	129	118	125	115
Mather - - -	104	123	99	121
Adams - - -	94	78	93	76
Gibson and Bowdoin -	103	117	91	111
Winthrop and Eliot -	144	137	140	131
Norfolk - - -	73	61	70	56
Butler - - -	15	19	13	16
Neponset and Stoughton	82	71	73	64
Maverick - - -	50	59	47	56
Washington - - -	108	109	101	100
Squantum - - -	1	3	2	3
	903	895	854	849
		903	849	
		1798	1703	
		1703		

Increase, 95

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Chief Engineer—JAMES H. UPHAM.

Assistant Engineers.—CHARLES HUNT, SYLVESTER H.

HEBARD, GEO. L. FISHER, ROBERT WHITE.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER.

To the Selectmen of Dorchester.

GENTLEMEN, — This Fifth Annual Report of the condition of the Fire Department is respectfully submitted.

Four companies have been in commission since May 1, 1853, viz. —

FOUNTAIN Co. No. 1.—George S. Esty, *Foreman* ; Henry Crane, *Ass't Foreman* ; Gustavus E. Haynes, *Clerk* ; Edwin A. Smith, *Steward*.

TORRENT Co. No. 3.—Moses H. Warren, *Foreman*; Seth D. Durell, *Ass't Foreman*; George Bridgham, *Clerk*; David Ripley, *Steward*.

INDEPENDENCE Co. No. 5.—Joseph C. Robinson, *Foreman*; Andrew Collins, *Ass't Foreman*; Dexter C. Curtis, *Clerk*; Henry Hart, *Steward*.

TIGER Co. No. 6. ——— *Foreman*; Andrew Sumner, *Ass't Foreman*; Charles A. Upham, *Clerk*; Ralph Ware, *Steward*.

During the past year the Department has been called out eighteen times, by as many alarms of fire, eight of which were caused by fires out of this town, and at two of which the Engines of this department were used. There have been but two fires in this town, at which the Engines have been used. At those fires, Engines from Roxbury and Quincy were present.

The estimated loss of property in Dorchester by fire the past year, has been \$36,135; on which there was insurance (as nearly as ascertained) of \$18,600.

During the past year, Engine House No. 1 has been shingled, plastered and painted; and repairs have been made in the interior of Engine Houses Nos. 3 and 6. Houses Nos. 1, 3, 5 and 6 are now in good repair. Houses Nos. 2 and 4 will need some repairs the coming year. The Chief Engineer, by personal observation, finds that the Engine Houses, Engines, Hose and other apparatus, in care of the several companies, are kept in praiseworthy good order and condition. Two hundred feet of new leading hose has been purchased to supply deficiencies occasioned by unavoidable wear.

The amount of expenditures under the direction of the Board of Engineers for repairs of Engine Houses, Engines, Hose, &c. &c., has been \$882 81.

It is believed that it would be promotive of the welfare of the Department if the town would excuse those persons members of the Department, who might desire it, from serving as jurors, as an inducement for persons to join the companies.

A Table of alarms and fires the past year is subjoined.

Respectfully Yours,

JAMES H. UPHAM.

February 1, 1854.

A Table of the Fires and Alarms from February 1, 1853, to February 1, 1854.

1853.	O'CLOCK.	LOCATION.	OWNER OR OCCUPANT.	LOSS.	INSURANCE.	CAUSES, &c.
Feb. 19.	1 A.M.	House on Church Street.	Shepard & Holmes.	25		Carelessness.
March 11.	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M.	House on Hancock Street.	Moses Draper.	10		Air-Tight Stove.
" 12.	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	House, Washington Village.	David Kezar.	100		Unknown.
" 23.	9 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	Forge, at Commercial Point.	Ranstead, Dearborn & Co.	30,000	15,000	Accidental.
April 12.	7 "	Oil Factory, South Boston.	Henshaw & Co.			Unknown.
" 30.	10 "	Brush, Jamaica Street.				"
May 1.	12 M.	Woods in Newton.				"
" 3.	10 P.M.	Fire in Brighton.				"
" 28.	10 "	Fire in Brighton.				Slangier's house burn'd
" 31.	11 "	Fire in Dedham.	Russell & Baker.			Cabinet Shop burned.
June 9.	6 "	Barn near Grove Hall.	—Mansfield.			Unknown.
" 14.	11 $\frac{1}{4}$ A.M.	Fire in Boston.				"
" 19.	3 P.M.	Fire in Cambridge.				"
" 21.	8 "	Brush, at Port Norfolk.	P. Curley.			Purposely set on fire.
Aug. 21.	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Hay on Mt. Bowdoin.				Carelessness.
Oct. 5.	4 "	Brush, near West Roxbury Line.				Unknown.
" 17.	9 A.M.	False Alarm.				"
Nov. 8.	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M.	Planing Mill, Port Norfolk.	A. H. Stearns.	6,000	3,500	Accidental.
				\$36,135	\$18,600	

VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1853.

BIRTHS REGISTERED DURING THE YEAR.

MALES, 152 FEMALES, 159 Not stated, 1.

Total, 312.

Of these there were 5 pairs of twins.

<i>Nativity of Parents.</i>		Fathers.	Mothers.
Dorchester		29	24
Other Towns in the United States .		118	124
Ireland		103	102
England		12	12
Scotland		7	9
Germany		15	12
British Provinces		12	13
Holland		1	1
France		1	1
Switzerland		1	
West Indies			1
Not stated		8	8
		<hr/> 307	<hr/> 307

In six cases only, were the fathers and mothers both natives of Dorchester.

MARRIAGES—1853.

Females.		Birth Places of Males.					
Birth Places.	Total.	Dorches-ter.	United States.	British Prov.	Ireland.	Eng-land.	Ger-many.
Dorchester	17	2	13		1		1
U. States	22	3	18	1			
Brit. Prov.	6		4	2			
England	5	1	1			3	
Scotland	1		1				
Germany	1						1
Total Males	52	6	37	3	1	3	2

INTENTIONS OF MARRIAGE.

Females.		Birth Places of Males.							
Birth Places.	Total.	Dorchester	United States.	British Prov.	Ireland.	Eng-land.	Scotland.	Germany.	Hungary.
Dorchester	18	1	15		1			1	
U. States	37	10	25				1	1	
Brit. Prov.	6		3	3					
Ireland	17		1		16				
England	2	1				1			
Scotland	1		1						
Germany	6		1					4	1
Hungary	1								1
Total Males	88	12	46	3	17	1	1	6	2

The Catholics are married at their churches in Roxbury, Boston, &c.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1853.

Whole No. of Deaths, 174.....MALES, 76—FEMALES, 98,
Stillborn, 14.

Date of Death.	NAMES.	Sex.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Disease.
			Yrs.	Mos.	Days.		
1853.							
Jan. 4	William Hall	M			10	Dorchester	Inflam. of Brain
6	Charlotte Manning	F	74			Hingham	Old Age
11	Hannah M. Nutter	F	2			Dorchester	Scarlet Fever
12	Susan H. Raustead	F	36			Exeter, Me.	Child-birth
17	Batholomew Hughe	M		10		Dorchester	Erysipelas
18	Sarah Mulhern	F	37			Ireland	Child-birth
20	Henry Riley	M	3	1	3	Dorchester	Croup
21	Mary A. B. Howe	F	59			Roxbury	Pneumonia
21	Olive F. Jones	F	6	4		G. Falls, N.H.	Scarlet Fever
22	Richard R. Wate	M		7	23	Dorchester	Dropsy on Brain
22	Joanna Sheeharn	F	34			Ireland	Disease of Heart
27	Rachel C. Cooper	F	60	10		England	Palsy
27	Lucinda Billings	F	31			South Boston	Perf. Gall Bladder
Feb. 1	William M. Rogers	M	92			England	Old Age
1	George H. Murray	M			12	Dorchester	Inflam. of Brain
3	Elizabeth D. Allen	F		11	11	Dorchester	Pneumonia
4	Harriet W. Barker	F	40			Boston	Consumption
11	Bridget Norton	F	65			Ireland	Consumption
12	Ebenezer Dyer	M	53	10	16	Hollis, Me.	Apoplexy
15	Sophia McFarland	F	66			Leicester	Insanity
16	Honora Landers	F			5	Dorchester	Infantile
18	Thomas Cheetham	M			14	Dorchester	Inflam. of Bowels
19	Nancy Ferriter	F	28			Boston	Consumption
20	Mary Barton	F	17	2		Halifax, N. S.	Pleurisy
21	Joseph Southwick	M	81	4		Newburyport	Pneumonia
Mar. 3	Ellen Flinn	F	22			Ireland	Consumption
3	Abby Curtis	F	1	1	14	Charleston, S.C.	Teething
	Unknown	M	50				Drowned
	Infant	M					Fnd partly buried
15	Julia Donahoe	F	2	9		Boston	Croup
28	William F. Fruean	M	23			Boston	Dropsy
29	William A. Jones	M	2	10		Boston	Bronchitis
Apr. 3	Mary Connor	F	23			Ireland	Consumption
	Joanna Kelley	F	1	11	4	Dorchester	Croup
13	Anna Clapp	F	82	7		Stoughton	Palsy
16	H. F. Ockerhousen	F			5	Dorchester	Infantile
18	Emily C. Petersilea	F		10	1	Dorchester	Scarlet Fever
19	Ann Power	F		4	2	Dorchester	Convulsions
22	Bridget Stanton	F	25			Ireland	Consumption
22	Henry P. French	M			9	Dorchester	Scrofula
26	Emma M. Parkman	F	1	8	26	Dorchester	Scarlet Fever
28	Laura J. Glynn	F	2	2		Dorchester	Scarlet Fever
May 2	William O. Burn	M	2	4		Dorchester	Scarlet Fever
6	Frank P. Fobes	M		6	22	Dorchester	Bronchitis
7	Mary J. Witham	F	6			East Boston	Consumption
7	George H. Homes	M	4	6	14	South Boston	Scarlet Fever
9	William Heebener	M	2	6		Dorchester	Scarlet Fever
10	John Gray	M	1	6		Dorchester	Apoplexy
11	E. H. Woodworth	F	3	11		South Boston	Typhus Fever
14	Ann E. Rich	F	5	6	12	Dorchester	Scarlet Fever
17	James Quigley	M	6			Dorchester	Scarlet Fever
17	Lucy Porter	F	4	7	21	Dedham	Scarlet Fever
17	Almira J. Balkam	F	7	4		Dorchester	Scarlet Fever
17	Honora Laffey	F	16			Ireland	Consumption
19	Arthur Wilkins	M	1	6		Dorchester	Scarlet Fever
22	Mary Furnace	F	61	1		N. Hampshire	Palsy

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			Yrs.	Mos.	Days.		
May 23	Thos. M. Vinson, Jr.	M	5		3	Dorchester	Scarlet Fever
24	Ellen J. McIntire	F	1	2		Dorchester	Scarlet Fever
28	Eliza Glover	F	3	2		Dorchester	Scarlet Fever
28	Edward F. Jones	M	3	3	20	Dorchester	Scarlet Fever
Jun. 5	Nancy Field	F	59			Dorchester	Consumption
11	Susan H. McIntosh	F	37	4		Dorchester	Infl. of Stomach
7	William F. Temple	M	1	7	23	Dorchester	Tumor
12	C. F. Humphrey	F	53			Hingham	Suicide
12	Hannah Burns	F	3	2		Dorchester	Scarlet Fever
16	William Hart, Jr.	M	3	5		Scotland	Scarlet Fever
17	Frank M. Stearns	M	3	4		Dorchester	Scarlet Fever
17	Thos. L. T. Whiton	M	4	9	11	Dorchester	Scarlet Fever
22	Esther C. Whiton	F	8	9	5	Dorchester	Scarlet Fever
July 2	Nathaniel Farratt	M	53			Boston	Infl. of Bladder
2	Jacob H. Crane	M	24	6	2	Boston	Consumption
4	H. E. Hutchinson	M	9			Charlestown	Killed by Cars
7	John P. Cotton, Jr.	M	11	10	20	Wolfboro' N.H.	Drowned
7	F. S. Strangman	M		10	3	Derry, N.H.	Scarlet Fever
10	Eunice P. Goodhue	F	2	6		Dorchester	Dysentery
11	— Humphrey	F			3	Dorchester	Infantile
14	Emily A. Skinner	F	2			Charlestown	Infl. of Brain.
15	Matthew Kennedy	M	40			Ireland	Consumption
18	Betsy Humphreys	F			7	Dorchester	Infantile
23	Susannah Bent	F	84			Milton	Old Age
23	Thomas Murray	M	45			Ireland	Intemperance
29	Mary A. L. Fries	F	27			Scotland	Puerperal Fever
31	Eliza C. Katzen	F	4	8		Dorchester	Measles
Aug. 6	Daniel Quigley	M	1			Princeton	Measles
7	Lucy Cushing	F	68		7	Dorchester	Old Age
7	Rebecca Preston	F	85			Roxbury	Old Age
7	Thos. M. Greenwood	M		8	4	Dorchester	Cholera Infantum
9	Mary E. Gardner	F	15	6		Dorchester	Consumption
9	Mary Welsh	F	28			Ireland	Child-birth
9	Wulf Fries	M			19	Dorchester	Infl. of Brain
10	Arthur Ewell	M		8	11	Dorchester	Teething
12	Thos. J. Vinton, Jr.	M	32		27	Boston	Drowned
12	John Magovern, Jr.	M			2	Dorchester	Infantile
12	Matthew White	M	40			Ireland	Sun-stroke
15	Herbert J. Hersey	M	1		15	Dorchester	Consumption
16	Daniel L. Gibbens	M	66	9		Boston	Bronchitis
21	Edwin L. Congan	M		10		Boston	Cholera Infantum
22	John Hill	M	43			Ireland	Isthmus Fever
24	James M. Hildreth	M	9	5		Dorchester	Infl. of Brain
25	Eleanor Stetson	F	1	8		Dorchester	Diarrhoea
25	Michael J. Barnett	M	19			Boston	Consumption
28	Samuel J. Kohr	M		1	7	Dorchester	Dysentery
29	James Brannan	M	1			Ireland	Measles
30	Lydia A. Hall	F	1	7	20	Dorchester	Teething
31	Catharine Onion	F	83	7		Massachusetts	Old Age
31	Catharine Quigley	F	8			Dorchester	Measles
Sep. 1	Geo. W. Houghton	M	2	6		Dorchester	Dysentery
1	Betsy Perry	F	82			Barre	Dysentery
2	Sarah W. Rice	F	25			Boston	Infl. of Bowels
2	Mary J. Katzen	F	1		14	Dorchester	Measles
2	Adeline M. Leavitt	F		7	20	Dorchester	Dysentery
3	Mary McGloshan	F	29			Scotland	Infl. of Lungs
4	Mary C. Upham	F	3	9	10	Dorchester	Cholera Infantum
6	Ann M. Foster	F	2	1	18	Dorchester	Dysentery
9	Josephine Knox	F		8		Dorchester	Cholera Infantum
10	Parker H. Gallop	M	21			Guilford, Vt.	Typhus Fever
11	A. Bressney	F			2	Dorchester	Convulsions
11	Eleanor S. May	F	24		6	Boston	Child-birth
12	Robert W. Perrin	M	1	8		Dorchester	Marasmus
15	Ada Whittridge	F	1	7		Dorchester	Dysentery

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			Yrs.	Mos.	Days.		
Sep. 15	Frank Kelly	M	1	1		Dorchester	Convulsions
18	Ellen Quigley	F	3	3		Dorchester	Measles
19	Isaac W. King	M	2			Dorchester	Dysentery
20	Henry W. Stevens	M		9	2	Dorchester	Teething
21	William H. Farnum	M		3	5	Dorchester	Cholera Infantum
22	Matilda E. Pierce	F	24			Boston	Consumption
23	Albert W. Gallop	M	23			Guilford, Vt.	Sun Stroke
23	Rachel J. Taverna	F		7		Dorchester	Cholera Infantum
23	Gustav. Groenevelt	M		1	19	Dorchester	Erysipelas
30	Elizabeth Minot	F	79	5		Scituate	Dysentery
30	Catharine Schaefer	F	40			Germany	Consumption
30	Mary A. Blank	F		3		Dorchester	Whooping Cough
Oct. 3	Frances L. Bacon	F	76	11	11	Sutton	Old Age
5	Samuel L. Wilder	M	10			Dorchester	Convulsions
7	Mary C. Withington	F		9		Dorchester	Dysentery
8	Adora Glennen	F	28			Ireland	Disease of Heart
9	Eleazer Baker	M	69			Dorchester	Old Age
14	Jonathan Childs	M	39			Watertown	Consumption
14	Terese Sense	F	1	6		Dorchester	Diarrhoea
16	Theresa Tapp	F				Germany	Consumption
18	Robert M. Fish	M	4			Cohaine	Typhoid Fever
22	Abigail Withington	F	76			Reading	Consumption
22	Louisa Kloppenberg	F	1	2	15	Dorchester	Dropsy on Brain
27	Jane Tileston	F	78			Dorchester	Old Age
29	John Murphy	M	22			Ireland	Consumption
31	Luther Gates	M	53			Hubbardston	Consumption
31	Lydia B. Eldridge	F	21	4		Watertown	Child-birth
Nov. 12	James Young	M	53			Ireland	Consumption
13	Richard Hayner	M	66			Ireland	Old Age
15	*An unknown man						
17	John Capen	M	88			Dorchester	Old Age
17	Belinda Thompson	F	42			Ireland	Consumption
18	Mary R. Curtis	F	38			Boston	Consumption
19	Clarissa Richardson	F	40			Dorchester	Cancer
21	Bryan Keegan	M	58			Ireland	Typhoid Fever
25	Micah Humphrey, Jr.	M	28	8	18	Hingham	Drowned
27	Daniel Craig	M	43			Henniker, N.H.	Intemperance
28	Elizabeth Albright	F	3	2	15	Dorchester	Dropsy on Brain
Dec. 1	Lucy Yendell	F	21	4	20	Boston	Apoplexy
3	Caleb F. Craig	M	3	4		Dorchester	Pneumonia
5	Susan G. Callender	F	3	10	13	Boston	Scarlet Fever
6	Sarah A. G. Vose	F	53	2		Dorchester	Palsy
6	Edwin B. Crane	M	3	1	13	Dorchester	Scarlet Fever
10	Martha A. Earl	F	40			Portsm'th, N.H.	Consumption
10	Eunice G. Richards	F	33	9		Princeton	Consumption
11	John Talbot	M	70			Milton	Convulsions
11	Lydia R. Rogers	F	80	10		Boston	Old Age
11	Elizabeth Bent	F	71			Boston	Consumption
11	Clotilda E. Fisher	F	43			Boston	Typhoid Fever
22	Ellen Hall	F			7	Dorchester	Consumption
23	Abigail Bailey	F	86			Scituate	Old Age
29	Augustus T. Chemin	M	4			South Boston	Croup
29	James Regan	M	3			Dorchester	Whooping Cough
31	Anna R. Stearns	F	1	2		Dorchester	Whooping Cough

* Supposed age, 30. Drowned in a manner unknown to the jury.

The Ages of the Deceased were—

Under 1 year	32	40 to 50 years	11
1 to 2 years	19	50 to 60 years	10
2 to 5 years	31	60 to 70 years	9
5 to 10 years	9	70 to 80 years	7
10 to 15 years	2	80 to 90 years	9
15 to 20 years	4	90 and upwards	1
20 to 30 years	20		
30 to 40 years	10		174

The Deaths were—In the Month of

January 13	April 10	July 13	October 15
February 12	May 18	August 24	November 11
March 7	June 9	September 25	December 17
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Their Diseases were—

Apoplexy	3	Inflammation of Bladder . .	1
Bronchitis	3	“ of Bowels	2
Cancer	1	“ of Brain	6
Childbirth	5	“ of Stomach	1
Cholera Infantum	5	Insanity	1
Croup	4	Intemperance	2
Convulsions	5	Marasmus	1
Consumption	27	Measles	6
Disease of Brain	1	Old Age	12
Disease of Heart	2	Paralysis	4
Diarrhœa	2	Pleurisy	1
Dysentery	10	Pneumonia	4
Dropsy	1	Perforation of Gall Bladder .	1
Dropsy on the Brain	3	Run over by Cars	1
Drowned	5	Scrofula	1
Erysipelas	2	Sun Stroke	2
Fever	1	Suicide	1
“ Typhus	2	Teething	6
“ Typhoid	3	Tumor	1
“ Scarlet	25	Whooping Cough	3
“ Puerperal	1		
Infantile	6		174

Their Places of Nativity were—

Dorchester, Amer. parentage 61	Ireland	19
“ foreign parentage 25	England and Scotland . .	6
Other towns in Massachusetts 49	Germany	2
Other States 10	Nova Scotia	2

Population of Dorchester in 1853—8787.

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Rate of Mortality.

The deaths were to the living—

1848	one in	91
1849	“	54
1850	“	117
1851	“	58
1852	“	62
1853	“	50½

Average rate for six years, one in 56.

Average Rate for Four Years—1849, '50, '51 and '52.

In the County of Suffolk, one in 36.

In the seven other sea-coast counties, one in 60.

In the five western counties, one in 57.

In the whole State, excluding Suffolk, one in 59.

In the whole State, one in 54.

In the county of Norfolk, one in 62.

In Dorchester, one in 66.

